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my aforementioned to neutral places, but from one place belonging to an enemy, to another place belonging to an enemy, whether they be under the jurisdiction of the same prince, or under several. And it is now stipulated concerning ships and goods, *that FREE ships shall also give FREEDOM to goods*, and that every thing shall be deemed free and exempt, which shall be found on board the ships belonging to either of the confederates, although the whole lading, or any part thereof, shall pertain to the enemies of either; and excepting the contraband of war, and ports actually blockaded,

THE ADDRESS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLICS OF IRELAND, TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES, ON HER ESCAPE FROM THE CONSPIRACY.

"May it please your Royal Highness,

"We, the Roman Catholic People of Ireland, beg leave to offer our unfeigned congratulations on your providential escape from the Conspiracy which so lately endangered both your life and honour; a Conspiracy, unmanly in its motives, unnatural in its object, and unworthy in its means; a Conspiracy, combining so monstrous an union of Turpitude and Treason, that it is difficult to say, whether Royalty would have suffered more from its success, than Human Nature has from its conception! Our allegiance is not less shocked at the infernal spirit which would sully the Diadem, by breathing on its most precious ornament the Virtue of its Wearer, than our best feelings are at the inhospitable baseness, which would betray the innocence of a Female, in a Land of Strangers!!

"Deem it not disrespectful, illustrious Lady, that, from a people proverbially ardent in the cause of the defenceless, the shout of virtuous congratulation should re-

ceive a feeble echo. Our Harp has been long unused to tones of gladness, and our hills but faintly answer the unusual accent. *Your* heart, however, can appreciate the silence inflicted by SUFFERING; and *ours*, alas! feels, but too acutely, that the commiseration is sincere, which flows from SYMPATHY.

"Let us hope, that, when congratulating VIRTUE in your Royal Person, on her signal triumph over the perjured, the profligate, and the corrupt, we may also rejoice in the completion of its consequences. Let us hope, that the society of your *only child* again solaces your dignified retirement, and that, to the misfortune of being a WIDOWED WIFE, is not added the pang of being a CHILDLESS MOTHER!

"But if, Madam, our hopes are not fulfilled, if, indeed, the cry of an indignant and unanimous people is disregarded, console yourself with the reflection, that, though your exiled Daughter may not hear the precepts of Virtue from your lips, she may, at least, study the practice of it in your example."

MERITS OF SAMUEL WHITBREAD,

*Extracted from an Address to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, from the inhabitants of the town of Bedford.*

"We feel no common exultation in being the electors of a representative to the British Parliament, who has taken a prominent part in vindicating the insulted honour of your Royal Highness; while his exertions claim our gratitude, they do not excite surprise; for, wherever innocence is to be defended; oppression counteracted; the liberty and interest of the country supported; or the welfare and happiness of mankind pleaded; there we look for him among the foremost, and we have never been disappointed."

## MONTHLY RETROSPECT OF POLITICS.

ON the 24th ult. the Catholic relief bill, as it is called, was abandoned for the present session of Parliament; and on the 25th, as if it were to appear that no time was to be lost, leave was moved for a revival of the statutes which prevented improper persons from having arms in Ireland. The motion was made by the Irish secretary,